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1. The Soviet Zone hard coal tar production is about 82,000 tons per year. However, the Soviet Zone hard coal tar requirements amount to at least 200,000 tons per year. The production of roofing felt alone requires 120,000 tons of coal tar, and about 30,000 tons are needed for production of tar for roads.
 2. The Soviet Zone of Germany is attempting to import hard coal tar. Negotiations are under way with Czechoslovakia and Poland to purchase hard pitch (Hartpech). It is planned to obtain the remaining hard coal tar required by interzonal trade with the West.
 3. Because of the tar shortage the State Planning Commission of the Soviet Zone of Germany had to allocate 5.5 million eastmarks for the purchase of cobbled pavement to meet the road construction schedule for 1951.

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